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### SAFEGUARDS IN CHICAGO.

In a Speech From Stage Henry Irving Shows His Annoyance.

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—The city authorities have prevented the use of a "spot light" in Sir Henry Irving's production of "The Bells" and have compelled the stage management to use instead in the dream scene a strong incandescent light. This action, in connection with other safeguards which have been placed about Chicago theater audiences since the Iroquois disaster, has caused no little annoyance to the English actor, who expressed his displeasure when called before an audience at the close of his performance in the Illinois theater. In the course of his remarks Sir Henry said:

"I trust that you will not misunderstand me if I refer to the recent fearful, lamentable disaster which occurred here, a disaster which was the result of panic. Panics are always terrible, and the disasters they produce are always terrible. That which occurred casts no reflection on your city or on the theaters of your city, for it could have occurred in any other city in the world and in a cathedral, in a church or in a railway station just as easily as in a theater.

"But it has produced a panic—a panic among your officials—and I would ask you to use your influence directly and among your friends to allay the feeling of panic which at present exists among the officials of your great city."

"And I would like it to be thoroughly understood by you that sometimes much injustice may be done by Jacks in office, and I would earnestly beg of you to exert all your influence to allay the feeling of panic which at present exists among the officials of your great city."

### TOWN HALL DESTROYED.

Meriden (Conn.) Fire Brigade Fought For Eight Hours.

MERIDEN, Conn., Feb. 15.—For eight hours yesterday firemen fought a fire which finally caused the complete destruction of the town hall and minor injuries to six men of the fire department. The total loss is upward of \$120,000, of which amount about \$125,000 falls upon the town.

The firemen hurt were William H. Reef, Peter F. Corcoran, William Lockshier, John Spear and Albert Kasehnbey, hosemen, and Emil Redstock, ladder man. Their injuries were due chiefly to falls on ice surfaces.

The fire caught, it is believed, from crossed electric wires in the main hall on the third floor, the sparks at point of contact lighting some hanging decorations which had been in use during a fair held by Meriden lodge of Elks. After the fire spread through the third floor it attacked the dome, which was surmounted by a cupola, and the blazing timbers caved in, carried the fire to the basement and wrought the complete destruction of the building.

### Murder Suspect Attended Burial.

DOVER, Del., Feb. 15.—Mrs. Mary Anna Powell, wife of Alfred L. Powell, was arrested by State Detectives Rattledge and Francis, charged with the murder of Estelle Allaband, her twenty-one-year-old adopted daughter, whose terribly mutilated body was found last Tuesday in the attic of the Powell farmhouse near Magnolia, ten miles from here. The accused woman was placed in the Dover jail and will be given a hearing on Tuesday, Feb. 23. The arrest of Mrs. Powell is the result of an investigation carried on by the state authorities, who were not satisfied with the verdict of suicide rendered by a coroner's jury. Mrs. Powell was taken into custody after the funeral of the girl, which she attended.

### United Mine Workers Assaulted.

TRINIDAD, Colo., Feb. 15.—William Fairly and James Mooney, members of the national board of the United Mine Workers of America, from Alabama and Missouri respectively, were waylaid on the road between Majestic and Bowen, dragged from their buggy and beaten by eight men with stones and revolvers and left lying in the road. After awhile they were able to get into their buggy and drive to Bowen. Subsequently they were brought to Trinidad. Mooney was seriously injured and had to be taken to a hospital. No arrests have yet been made.

### Glastonbury Church Burned.

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 15.—Fire which started in the neighborhood of the heating apparatus burned St. James' Episcopal church at Glastonbury yesterday. The fire when discovered had made its way from the cellar to the roof at the rear of the building. With a limited water supply the firemen saved the tower containing the bell, but the body of the church was burned, nothing being saved but the communion service. The loss is estimated at \$12,000.

### Brakeman Killed In Collision.

PONCA, N. Y., Feb. 15.—An east-bound freight train on the New York Central road in charge of Engineer James Truax of Albany ran into the rear of another freight train in the yards here, killing James Sterling, a brakeman, of Herkimer and demolishing several cars.

### Use of Dynamite Stopped.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 15.—Blasting of fire swept structures in this city with dynamite has been stopped because fears were expressed for the burned out skyscrapers.

### Home Rule For New York.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Governor Odell and Republican party leaders will hold a conference here on home rule measures for New York city.

### Japanese Art Treasures.

PARIS, Feb. 15.—More than \$100,000 was realized last week at a sale here of the Gillet collection of Japanese art.

## HANNA AT DEATH'S DOOR

Had an Unexpected Sinking Spell This Morning Presaging the End.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—All hope of Senator Hanna's recovery has gone. Mr. Hanna has just stated that there is no chance for life. "It is just a matter of temporary improvement," he said. The doctors, however, are not preparing for immediate dissolution.

At intervals of two hours during the night Senator Hanna was aroused and given nourishment, after which he immediately would resume his sleep. The doctors supplemented this announcement with the statement that the condition of the senator at this time surpassed all their expectations.

This statement hardly had been issued when an unexpected change for the worse took place. Dr. Osler had gone to Mr. Hanna's room, and Dr. Carter and Secretary Elmer Dover had stepped down to the dining room for breakfast. Dr. Hixey had not arrived, and the senator was alone with his nurses. Suddenly he became notably weaker. His rapid breathing excited alarm, and other evident signs of distress caused a hurried summons for both physicians.

On their almost instant arrival his pulse was beating at the alarming rate of 137, and his respiration was above 40. The oxygen apparatus was put in to use immediately, the breathing cone was placed over the senator's mouth and nostrils and relief secured.

A lapse of nearly two hours then intervened without news except of the most indefinite character, such as "no change," when suddenly at 2 o'clock Representative Dick of Ohio and Mr. Dover came from the senator's apartments with the shocking announcement that the senator had suffered another severe sinking spell and had failed utterly to respond to all stimulants administered to revive him. Restoratives were continued, and the senator dozed again into a stupor.

Dr. Carter's description of the sinking spell, made public shortly after 3 o'clock, was as follows:

"At 1:30 o'clock a very unexpected sinking spell came on. We at once started to work on the senator, but he failed to respond to the restoratives applied. During this spell the pulse entirely disappeared from the wrist, and only a slight flutter of the heart could be detected. We kept applying other stimulants and finally got a slight response. Now he has a pretty good pulse and also respiration. The spell was decidedly worse than the one in the morning."

Asked as to the future outlook, the doctor replied:

"We can only work and hope." The 8 o'clock bulletin showed no improvement in the senator's condition. Some milk and whisky were administered at 6:30 o'clock, and shortly thereafter the patient was given another bath, but it caused no reduction in the temperature. For an hour after the bath Senator Hanna dozed and was resting comfortably. The doctors gave oxygen for a couple of minutes at intervals of half an hour.

It was apparent that an unusual gloom pervaded the hotel. All hope had been abandoned, and any improvement in the senator's condition which developed was regarded as only temporary.

President Roosevelt called to make a personal inquiry, and Governor Herrick of Ohio on arriving in Washington went at once to the senator's apartments. Former Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith has also arrived from Philadelphia. Postmaster General Payne and Governor Herrick lunched together at the hotel, where both remained in constant touch with the senator's condition.

Speaker Cannon called more than once to learn the situation. Secretaries Hitchcock and Wilson also were callers, as were Senators Fairbanks, Platt of Connecticut, Keen of New Jersey, Scott of West Virginia, Mitchell of Oregon, Spooner and many others.

Mr. Andrew Squire of Cleveland, a close personal friend of Senator Hanna, has been in Washington several days. Clement A. Griscom of Philadelphia and Representative Grosvenor have made many trips to the hotel to learn the senator's condition.

### Morris Wood's Speed on Ice.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Morris Wood, the national champion speed skater, made another unsuccessful attempt to lower the American record for half a mile at Olympia field, in Harlem. During the trial against the half mile figures, however, he equaled the record for a quarter of a mile and eclipsed the old figures for 600 meters by a considerable margin.

### Ashland Bank Closed.

ASHLAND, Wis., Feb. 15.—The Security Savings bank of this city has been closed, the directors having voted to place the bank in charge of Marcus C. Bergh, state commissioner of banking. The bank is said to be solvent, but has been embarrassed by a run which was started some time ago by an idle rumor.

### Orono Town Hall Burned.

ORONO, Me., Feb. 15.—Fire destroyed the town hall and University hall, occupied by forty students of the University of Maine, entailing a loss of \$25,000. The students saved their personal effects. The town has no water works and in case of fire is dependent upon a hand tub.

### BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers.

O. E. Gibson who has been confined to the house for some time was able to be out Saturday.

A regular communication of Mt. Anthony lodge F. and A. M. will be held Tuesday evening, Feb. 16. The first degree will be conferred.

Mr and Mrs D. W. Hyde of Montpelier have been spending a few days with his parents, Mr and Mrs D. W. Hyde.

The town clerk's records for the past year show that there were 90 marriage licenses issued in Bennington in 1903. This is a considerable increase over the two preceding years. In 1902 there were 62 licenses granted, and in 1901 there were 66.

Thomas Miller, a veteran horseman of Brattleboro, widely known in southern Vermont, was attacked in a stall at his stables Thursday by a stallion. The horse seized one hand and to free himself Miller was forced to climb into the manger and choke the animal. He then fell backward through a window and was found unconscious in the snow outside. His wrist was dislocated, the bones protruding from the flesh and his hand and wrist badly crushed. It probably will be necessary to amputate it.

Miss Ella McCullough, daughter of Governor McCullough, is home from Peekskill, N. Y., where she is a teacher in the convent of the Sisters of St. Mary, in which order Miss McCullough entered some time ago upon a three years novitiate. The Sisters of St. Mary form one of the largest orders of the kind in the Protestant Episcopal church of the United States and do a great work in maintaining hospitals, schools for girls, missions, rescue homes and similar christian and church work in different parts of the country.

### ARLINGTON.

Mrs W. L. McAuley has been on the sick list but is now better.

J. K. Batchelder spent two or three days in town last week.

James P. Cullinan will build a house on his lot in the spring.

Percy Wilkinson and Miss Emma Dean of Sandgate were recently married in East Arlington.

O. A. Adams of Granville, N. Y., is visiting his brother O. E. Adams.

Mrs W. S. Phillips is spending a few days in Troy.

Mr and Mrs S. H. Watkins returned from their trip on Saturday and are home at the Rectory.

Owing to the bursting of one of the steam pipes the services at St. James church were held in the lower rooms of the church.

Services will be at St. James church this week as follows: Ash Wednesday 8:00 a m Holy Communion, 10:00 a m Morning Prayer, Litany, Penitential Office and address, 8:30 p m Evening Prayer and Sermon.

The Town Hall was reopened on Friday evening by the Arlington Social club. An oyster supper was served at the Arlington. Manchester, North Bennington and South Shaftsbury were represented and all enjoyed a pleasant evening.

A second collection of the state traveling library have been received and is at the Brick house ready for circulation. It is hoped it will be patronized as well as before and it is free to every one living in the town. That in connection with the circulating library at same place which contains now about 3 0 volumes and makes a very good collection for this little town and it is hoped both will be well appreciated.

### High Grade "Columbia" Undershirts

Made by the Columbia Shirt Company, of New York. They also make "Columbia" Safety Beds and Rose Supporters, Shirt Waist Holders, etc. A postal will bring samples, prices, etc. Mrs. M. C. Kloss, 447 Main street, the agent for Bennington and vicinity.

### COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

Estate of CHARLES HOURAN. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Probate Court for the district of Bennington COMMISSIONERS, to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Charles Houran, late of Bennington in said district, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that they will meet for the purposes aforesaid at the late residence of said deceased on the 7th day of June next from 2 o'clock p. m. until 4 o'clock p. m., of said day, and that six months from the 15th day of Dec. A. D. 1903, is the time limited by said court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated at Bennington, this 21 day of Jan., A. D. 1904.

EDWIN F. STRATTON, WILLIAM J. HICKS, Commissioners.

### COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

Estate of HENRY D. HALL. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Probate Court for the district of Bennington COMMISSIONERS, to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Henry D. Hall, late of Bennington in said district, deceased, and all claims exhibited in offset thereto, hereby give notice that they will meet for the purposes aforesaid at the Probate office in Bennington on the 26th day of Feb. next from 2 o'clock p. m. until 4 o'clock p. m., of said day, and that six months from the 5th day of Dec. A. D. 1903, is the time limited by said court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated at Bennington, Vt. this 8th day of February, A. D. 1904.

C. W. THATCHER, H. L. STAFFORD, Commissioners.

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